APPLICATION

Official application forms, which must be fully completed may be downloaded from The American Legion Department of Florida website http://www.floridalegion.org/programs-services/youth-law-cadet/about/.

After you complete the application, you must take it to your sponsoring American Legion Post for review and signatures. Be sure the necessary forms from the local American Legion Post, your doctor, and local law enforcement official have been secured.

Applicants must be physically able to take part in a rigorous physical program; a licensed health care provider is required to complete a sports type physical on each applicant. The local American Legion Post Commander, Adjutant or Youth Law Cadet Academy Chairperson will interview each applicant and forward each completed application with the required fee of $**447.00** /cadet to the Department of Florida Chairman of this program. **Make checks out to: Florida American Legion Youth Law Cadet**. Mail application and checks to:

James Brennan
421 Highland Rd.
Havana, Florida 32333

Each cadet and parent/guardian will be notified in writing of their selection for the program after their application is received and reviewed. If you have any questions, please contact The Department of Florida Youth Law Cadet Chairman James Brennan (850) 212-8677.

SPONSORSHIP

Cadet applicants must be sponsored by an American Legion Post in the state of Florida. The local Post may accept outside financial assistance to send a cadet to the Academy (but the fee must be paid by Post check).

COST

Fee of $**447.00** includes meals and lodging. The fee is paid by the sponsoring post/unit or other civic group and IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from the Academy is the responsibility of the sponsoring Post, group, or the parents of the cadet. Cadets are not allowed to drive and park a personal vehicle at the Academy. The FHP Academy is located at 75 College Drive, Havana, Florida, on the grounds of the Florida Public Safety Campus. From I-10 take exit 192 to the Blue Star Parkway (Hwy. 90) north and drive approx. 6 miles to the campus. The entrance to the Florida Public Safety campus is directly across from East Gadsden High School. Follow signs to the dormitory housing which is where Cadets will report for check-in.

****REGISTRATION AND CHECK OUT****

Registration is Sunday, **July 9**, from 4-5 PM. Each accepted cadet and their parent/guardian will receive additional information by letter sent to the parent/guardian with directions regarding registration. American Legion counselors who will be with Cadets all week will be at registration to greet you. Do not arrive too early, Legion will not be available until 3 P.M.

Checkout will be at approx. 12:00 PM on Friday, **July 14**. Parents of cadets are welcome to attend the graduation ceremony at 10 AM on the morning of **Friday**. If parents arrive on Thursday for Friday graduation, there are a few motels available at Exit 192 off I-10, and many in the greater Tallahassee area.

YOUTH LAW CADET WEEK

July 9-14, 2023

Photo Class of 2018

FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL ACADEMY
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For further information contact the Department of Florida Youth Law Cadet Program Chair
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PURPOSE

It should be unnecessary to say that in the Preamble to The America Legion Constitution members pledge to maintain law and order. The American Legion has joined forces with The Florida Highway Patrol to conduct a week-long Youth Law Cadet Program.

The purpose of the Youth Law Cadet Academy is to provide first-hand experience of the role of Law Enforcement in promoting and safeguarding American freedoms and rights.

It is hoped that the young men and women **(referred to as cadets for this program**) who participate in the Youth Law Cadet Academy will develop favorable attitudes and trust toward law enforcement and will help disseminate these attitudes throughout the community.

Our young people have proven their ability to think clearly and often be the staunchest of supporters for moral and legal rights. This Academy gives them the opportunity to see law enforcement practice and concepts at their best.

THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF A TYPICAL WEEK OF RIGOROUS PATROL RECRUIT TRAINING

The week's activities for cadets will include classroom instruction in the history of law enforcement, history of The American Legion, vehicle safety, canine demonstration, motor vehicle laws, first aid, shooting demonstrations, FHP vehicle operations, as well as demonstration of police skills such as personal defense, and weapons safety and firing. Organized daily physical fitness activities will also be a part of the program. Adequate hydration (water) by Cadets for days in advance of arrival is highly recommended. FHP will issue a refillable bottle for cadets to carry water with them always.

EQUIPMENT/CLOTHING

As depicted in the photo above, each cadet will be issued an official uniform shirt and cap which will always be worn except during recreational periods. Cadets will be issued a police belt, with simulated weapon to wear all week while in training. Cadets will also be issued a recreational t-shirt for use during physical fitness training.

Cadets must bring personal toiletry items as well 2 pair of black BDU style pants, black gym shorts, a pair of black dress shoes and athletic shoes to the academy.

Cadets are housed two to a room (in academy dorm or local hotel) under adult supervision, which includes in-room restroom and bathing facilities. Each room has a television and small refrigerator (you can bring snacks). In case of illness the cadet will be taken to a local medical facility for care. Please ensure cadet brings proof of insurance. Three healthy meals a day are provided on campus in a modern dining facility operated by the Tallahassee Community College. Please note on the application if the cadet has special dietary needs.

CADET QUALIFICATIONS

Age – open to males and females 16 through 18 years of age.

Applicants must have a minimum (C) average or higher 2.0+ GPA. Home schooled applicants are also eligible.

Each applicant must be of good moral character, present a neat, well-groomed military appearance and come well recommended. No facial hair.

Each applicant must possess a valid driver's license or permit, and a copy must accompany the application.

Applicants should have an interest in pursuing a career in the Criminal Justice System.

Any individual applying for the Youth Law Cadet Academy must meet the qualification requirements.